

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Doug SWEET et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1797  
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Application No.: 10/538,964 ) Examiner: D. Henkel  
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Filed: June 14, 2005 ) Confirmation No.: 5627  
)  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
AUTOMATIC STAINING OF )  
TISSUE SAMPLES )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**


Applicant petitions for a two-month extension of time to file a reply to the Office  
Action of June 24, 2009. A fee payment of \$490.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter the attached  
reply and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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